

## POETRY

**DID YOU EVER HEAR AN ENGLISH**

**SPARROW SING!**

What? An English sparrow sing?  
Insignificant brown thing,  
So common and so bold, 'twould surely  
bring  
Tears of laughter to the eyes  
Of the superficial wise  
To suggest that that small immigrant  
could sing.

'Twas the bleakest wintry day,  
Earth, sky, water, all were gray,  
Of the universe old Boreas seemed  
king.

As he swept across the lake,  
But his empire was at stake  
When the little English sparrow dared  
To sing.

Not a friend on earth had I,  
No horizon to my sky,  
No faith that there could be another  
Spring.

Cold the world as that gray wall  
Of the Auditorium tall  
Which he heard that little English  
sparrow sing.

On the shelving of one stone  
He was cuddling all alone;  
O, the little feet knew bravely how  
To cling.

As from out the tuneless throat  
Came the softest springtime note,  
And I truly heard an English sparrow  
sing.

You may talk for all your days  
In the thrush and bluebirds' praise  
And of other harbingers of  
spring.

But I've never heard a song  
Where the echoes so prolong  
Like that I heard the English sparrow  
sing.

O, my heart's a phonograph  
That will register each laugh  
And all happy words that form the  
joy bells ring.

I'm sure if cloudy days should come,  
I'll see a bright, sun-baked, pinkish gloom  
So early I'll hear that English spar-  
row sing.

—Bertha Johnson, in Chicago Unity.

**IRISH LOVE CHANT.**

I think I've looked on eyes that shone  
With equal splendor,  
And seen lips that they are dimmed and  
gone.

As wildly tender,  
I never looked on eyes that shed  
Such home-like mingled with such  
beauty.

That "mid all lights and shadows wad true"  
"I love and trust and will be true  
to ye."

I've seen some lips almost as red,  
And some as lately  
And some such beauty turned my head  
Not very lately.

But "mid all now I've seen a girl  
With form as proud, lips so delicious  
With hair like night and teeth of  
gold.

Who was not haughty and capricious  
Oh, farther than the dawn of day  
Or Ernie's islands!

Oh, I think I've seen a Hawthorn  
In Benrty's highlands!

But when I find the fancy true,  
And fairer than the fiction made,  
I'll follow him, Thomas O. Davis,

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## VIEWES AND VARIETIES

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### Clever Sayings

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Mrs. Bronsen.—My husband is plain spoken; he calls a spade a spade. Mrs. Wootton.—He's ruining his health by decline to repeat what he calls the lawn mower.—Life.

Head of the Family.—Our firm is going to advertise for sealed proposals. Popular Daughter.—Oh, don't put it so much better fun to get them personally.—N. Y. American.

Mrs. Blobs.—Does you hired man make many mistakes? Blobs.—Does he? Mrs. Blobs.—Yes, asking where to find the milkweed to feed the cows.

With—Chicago News.

Returned Explorer—The trouble was in the region where the region came in to lose one's bearings. Miss innocent—And are there no repair shops handy?—Boston Transcript.

Picture Dealer—Sorry, but I buy pictures of well known people whose names are well known. Artist—Well, my name's quite well known. It's Smith.—Journal Amusant.

"But don't any of your children take after me?" "No, ma'am." "No, ma'am." "Mamma takes after him with a broom now and then, but we ain't growed up enough for that yet!"—Cleveland Leader.

Teacher—Children, Nature is superior to man in everything. For instance, there is nothing that travels as fast as the unseen wind. Willie—Huh!—Teacher—What has my pupil said about a sight draft!—Puck.

"How about your cook?" "When I saw you last month you were quite dissatisfied."

laded with her." "Was I?" responded the hostess, warily. "I've been dissatisfied with five or six cooks since then."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Have you completed your graduation essay?" "No," replied Mildred. "I read the material, I started to write down every sentence, I've got to rewrite it and put in more words of four syllables."—Washington Star.

I think he has an ulterior motive in all this to weaken the voters of the country." "What's his plan?" "If he sees they're actually asleep he'll probably sneak in and run for congress." St. Louis Star.

**MUCH IN LITTLE**

All the London "tubes" but one cur-

led a greatly increased number of  
over the same period of 1908. In-  
creases ranged from 5 to 47 per cent.

About the size of a lawn mower is a  
new machine designed to sow law-  
grass seed, disks cutting into the earth  
manure in seed, which is covered  
by a following roller.

To test the speed of a projectile  
driven by modern high power explo-  
sives, a chronograph was used, which  
a chronoscope which measures time to  
the millionth part of a second.

The shipments of Indian yarn from  
Bombay in 1909 amounted to 225,241.

901 pounds, valued at \$30,905.532, and 17,667,672 in quantity and \$2,069,938 in value over 1908.

Raw cotton to the value of \$43,560,908 was exported to Germany in 1909, a decrease of \$13,595,406 from the previous year. Japan was the largest purchaser of cotton, taking in 1909 \$15,855,442 worth.

A wireless telegraph station was established near the lighthouse in Valparaiso last year, and a message was sent from the station to the coast at a distance of 350 miles from shore. It is proposed to increase the strength of this station until it will have a radius of at least 800 miles.

It is said that a Leicester hosier-machine company recently equipped a large plant in Canada, requiring several hundred female operatives. The efforts by liberales to secure these have utterly failed, most of the workers there being now in receipt of wages equal to those offered by

That part of the Island of Formosa in possession of the aborigines is reputed to be an El Dorado. There is no doubt that there are forests of much value, and there may be rich mineral deposits. One sure result will be the placing the camphor forests within complete police protection, and this assured security will result in greater production in those districts, and thus increasing the output of crude camphor.